

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-6. Cancelled

7. (Previously Presented) An electric power steering apparatus, comprising:
an electric motor for steering assistance;
a worm shaft on which a worm is disposed;
a steering shaft, configured to engage a steering wheel, on which a worm wheel is disposed and to which a rotary motion of said electric motor is transmitted through said worm shaft;
a biasing member biasing, via a bearing, said worm shaft toward said worm wheel;
a concave member accepting said bearing; and
a housing for housing said bearing and said concave member, wherein the biasing member is movably acceptable only toward the concave member.

8.-9. Cancelled

10. (Previously Presented) The electric power steering apparatus of claim 7, wherein the bearing may be deflected into the concave member.

11.-14. Cancelled